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Roxbury, Jan. 18, 1879.

Dear friend Tracy:

I had no copy of a letter of mine which appeared recently in the New York Tribune, and about which you inquire, to send to you; but I forwarded to you, a few days since, the Boston Daily Advertiser of the 13th inst., containing my reply to a criticism of that letter in the Editorial columns of that journal. The only answer to that reply, as doubtless you saw, was a sneer at the "prophets of an outgrown dispensation". In its attitude toward the old abolitionists, and in its tone and spirit toward the South, it seems to have undergone but little change since the olden times, notwithstanding it has passed into other hands,

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And is conducted by a new set of writers - The cool manner in which the dreadful outrages perpetrated upon the loyal blacks by the Rebel whites in South Carolina and Louisiana are disposed of by the Advertiser, is as shameful as it is deplorable. As to those outrages, no "committee of investigation" will ever be able to authenticate or discover one tenth part of them; for the many dead victims can tell no tales, and the sufferers who survive (with few Exceptions) dare not testify or complain, seeing that to do so would be at the imminent peril of their lives. But this frightful state of things cannot be continued with impunity. As before the time of the rebellion, this nation is once more "laying up wrath against the day of wrath," and drifting toward another bloody conflict, to which may

be added "the horrors of St. Domingo"
Nothing but a strongly united North,
fully awakened to the impending
peril and resolved to maintain the
right, can prevent such a direful vis-
itation. I thank you for sending me
the printed report of the Lyceum
anniversary at old Concord. The
reference in it to the old abolitionists
as "attacking the church" is quite
characteristic. It was the church
that was the real assailant all
through the protracted struggle,
resisting every appeal of the oppressed
millions for its sympathy and
aid, and actively bringing the
whole weight of its tremendous
influence to crush abolitionism to
the dust. But all this you know.

The reminiscence of your
two Experiences in the General Court—

in 1834 and 1867- is both a striking and a cheering one.

I congratulate you that, on the 13th of March 1880, you will complete your 70th year. I can give you no encouragement that I shall be with you on the occasion, except in spirit and kind remembrance.

Yours, vigorously for a boundless future, Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Geo. W. Stacy.

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